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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/529,186; Entitled: "MULT-PART SEISMIC CABLE;" First Named Inventor: Nicolas Goujon; Attorney Docket No. 14.0210-PCT-US

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for consideration in the above-referenced patent application are:

- (1) A Petition;
- (2) An Exhibit A (USPTO Communication dated August 18, 2006);
- (3) An Exhibit B (Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916)); and
- (4) A return receipt postcard. Please date stamp and return this postcard.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if it is determined by the Office that a fee is due under 37 CFR § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee, and any other fee necessary to make this submission timely, to the Deposit Account 50-1720/14.0210-PCT-US.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Nicolas Goujon <i>et al.</i>	§	Group Art Unit: Unknown
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Serial Number: 10/529,186	§	Examiner: Unknown
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Confirmation Number: 4412	§	Atty Dkt No.: 14.0210-PCT-US
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Int. Filing Date: October 7, 2003	§	
Priority Date: October 12, 2003	§	
	§	
Entitled: MULTI-PART SEISMIC CABLE	§	

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**PETITION**

Dear Sir:

The Applicants and the Attorney who signs below respectfully petition to request that the Office vacate the Notification of Defective Response dated August 30, 2006, on the basis that the Applicants never received a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). Applicants also respectfully petition to request that the Office issue a new Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) to properly afford Applicants an opportunity to respond to such Notification.

Mr. Derek Putonen of the Office of PCT Legal Administration issued a communication dated August 18, 2006 (*See Exhibit A*) wherein it is stated that “a review of the application file finds that the forms PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed 30 August 2005 and DO/EO/909 mailed 19 April 2006 were not mailed to the correspondence address of record. As applicant was never mailed a Form PCT/DO/EO/905 the application cannot be considered abandoned.”

The communication dated August 18, 2006 concludes stating that “the Notification of Missing Requirement (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 30 August 2005 and Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 19 April 2006 and 15 June 2006 are hereby VACATED. This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (US/DO/EO) for continued processing including the issuance of a Notification of Missing

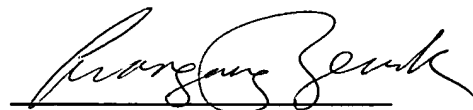
Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an executed oath or declaration of the inventors is required.”

Applicants note that in response to Mr. Putonen’s August 18, 2006 communication the Office should have, but did not, issue a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). Instead, the Office issued a Notification of Defective Response dated August 30, 2006 (*See Exhibit B*).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully petition to request that the Office vacate the Notification of Defective Response dated August 30, 2006, on the basis that the Applicants never received a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). Applicants also respectfully petition to request that the Office issue a new Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) to properly afford Applicants an opportunity to respond to such Notification.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if it is determined by the Office that a fee is due under 37 CFR § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee, and any other fee necessary to make this submission timely, to the Deposit Account 50-1720/14.0210-PCT-US.

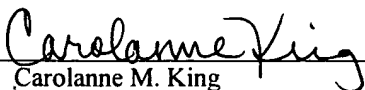
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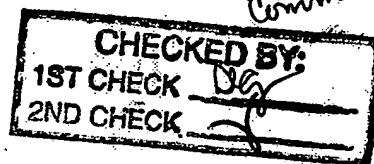
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— Exhibit A

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In re Application of  
GOUJON, et al.  
U.S. Application No.: 10/529,186  
PCT No.: PCT/EP03/50702  
Int. Filing Date: 07 October 2003  
Priority Date: 12 October 2002  
Attorney Docket No.: 2088.001100/14.0210/PCT/US  
For: MULTI-PART SEISMIC CABLE

COMMUNICATION

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

**BACKGROUND**

On 07 October 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/EP03/50702, which claimed priority of an earlier application filed 12 October 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 29 April 2004. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 12 April 2005.

On 24 March 2005, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by payment of the full, U.S. basic national fee and an unsigned declaration of the inventors.

On 30 August 2005, applicant was mailed a "Notification of Missing Requirements" (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) informing applicant that an executed oath or declaration of the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required. Applicant was afforded two months to file the required response.

On 19 April 2006, applicant was mailed a NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) informing applicant that applicant had failed to respond to the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 30 August 2005 within the time period set therein and that above-identified application was abandoned as to the United States.

On 15 June 2006, applicant was mailed a "Withdrawal of Previously Sent Notice" accompanied by a new Form PCT/DO/EO/909.

**DISCUSSION**

A review of the application file finds that the forms PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed 30 August 2005 and DO/EO/909 mailed 19 April 2006 were not mailed to the correspondence address of record. As applicant was never mailed a Form PCT/DO/EO/905 the application cannot be considered abandoned.

**CONCLUSION**

The "Notification of Missing Requirements" (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 30 August 2005 and "Notification of Abandonment" (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 19 April 2006 and 15 June 2006 are hereby **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (US/DO/EO) for continued processing including the issuance of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an executed oath or declaration of the inventors is required.



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Exhibit B

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## NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/24/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/24/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/24/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 03/24/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/24/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 03/24/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/24/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/24/2005
- Specification filed on 03/24/2005
- Claims filed on 03/24/2005
- Abstracts filed on 03/24/2005
- Drawings filed on 03/24/2005

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Applicant's response filed is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 08/30/2005 have not been completed.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
  - please submit late surcharg fee for decl., if not already paid.

- Surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 was not received.

# SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$730 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

- The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$400 to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
- The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$200 to complete the examination fee for a non-small entity. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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## PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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